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SUBJECT: 1975 SOVIET FERTILIZER PRODUCTION: LEADING PLANTS INSURE  
PRODUCTION GOAL OF 90 MILLION TONS

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED - SUMMARY - ACCORDING TO JANUARY 15  
REPORT IN SOTSIALISTICHESKAYA INDUSTRIYA SOVIET CHEMICAL  
INDUSTRY FULFILLED 1975 PRODUCTION GOAL OF 90 MILLION TONS  
MINERAL FERTILIZER. SUCCESS DUE TO EFFORTS OF "LEADING PER-  
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FORMERS" IN INDUSTRY WHICH COMPENSATED FOR THOSE SEVERAL

PLANTS WHICH FAILED TO FULFILL PLAN. ARTICLE IS STRONGLY CRITICAL OF MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND ALL-UNION ASSOCIATION LEADERS AND CALLS FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT IN ORDER MEET 1980 PRODUCTION GOAL OF 143 MILLION TONS. ACCOMPANYING CHART (TO BE FORWARDED UNDER COVER AIRGRAM) LISTS SIXTEEN PRODUCTION ASSOCIATIONS AND SEVEN SEPARATE PLANTS WITH PRODUCTION SHORTFALL OF 650,000 TONS UNDER PLAN REQUIREMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 56 MILLION TONS. END SUMMARY.

2. REPORT ENTITLED "GOALS ACHIEVED" SAYS CHEMICAL INDUSTRY REPORTED 90 MILLION TONS PRODUCTION MINERAL FERTILIZER FOR 1975, THUS FULFILLING TASK SET AT 24TH PARTY CONGRESS. IN CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO INDUSTRY WORKERS BREZHNEV REFERRED TO RAPID INCREASE IN FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AS "IMPORTANT INTEGRAL PART OF AGRARIAN POLICY OF THE PARTY" AIMED AT INSURING HIGHER OUTPUT OF GRAIN AND OTHER CROPS. DURING 1971-75 PERIOD TOTAL OF 38 MILLION TONS NEW CAPACITY INTRODUCED, WHICH REPORT CLAIMS IS MORE THAN ENTIRE CAPACITY BUILT THROUGH 1965. RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY MADE POSSIBLE DELIVERY OF OVER 300 MILLION TONS FERTILIZER TO SOVIET FARMERS DURING NINTH FYP.

3. CREDIT FOR SUCCESS ATTRIBUTED TO SUCH LEADING PLANTS AS SEVERODONETSK, SHCHEKINSK, NEVINNOMYSSK, "BELORUSKALIL", APATIT" AND THE VOSKRESENSK "MINUDOBRENIYA" PRODUCTION ASSOCIATION, WHICH TOGETHER OVERFULFILLED THE 1975 PLAN BY SOME TWO MILLION TONS FERTILIZER, 250,000 TONS APATITE CONCENTRATES AND 250,000 TONS SULPHURIC ACID. THIS EFFORT PARTIALLY OFFSET BY "FOUR CHRONIC LAGGING PLANTS" (DZHAMBUL "KHIMPROM", ROVNO "AZOT", "URALKALI" AND UVAROVSK), ALL OF WHICH FAILED TO MEET PLAN GOALS AND DELAY IN START UP OF NEW PLANNED CAPACITY OF THE BALAKOVO PLANT. TOTAL SHORTFALL DUE TO THESE FIVE PLANTS AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 1.9 MILLIONS TONS.

4. ARTICLE SAYS RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUTPUT LAGS IN THESE AND "SEVERAL OTHER COLLECTIVES" FALL IN FIRST INSTANCE ON LEADERSHIP OF MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND ALL-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNION ASSOCIATIONS. COMPLEX TASK FOR TENTH FYP (1976-80) OF BRINGING INTO PRODUCTION AN ADDITIONAL 55 MILLION TONS NEW PRODUCTION CAPACITY WITH TOTAL ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF 143 MILLION TONS SET FOR 1980 TO BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH RECONSTRUCTION/EXPANSION OF EXISTING PLANTS PLUS CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ENTERPRISES. NEW PRODUCTION CAPACITY PLANNED DURING 1976 AT THE CHIRCHIK "ELEKTROKHIMPROM", THE CHEREPOVETS AND THE BALAKOVO PLANTS. REPORT CON-

CLUDES WITH WARNING THAT "CORRECT STEPS AWAY FROM ERRORS AND OMISSIONS" OF NINTH FYP MUST BE TAKEN TO INSURE SUCCESS OF NEW GOALS, INCLUDING REALIZATION BY MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY LEADERS THAT THEY CANNOT "DEPEND ON SHORTCOMINGS OF SEVERAL LAGGING ENTERPRISES TO BE COMPENSATED FOR BY LEADING PERFORMERS." END UNCLASSIFIED

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE - COMMENT - SINCE THE CHART IS INCOMPLETE, LISTING ONLY 23 PRODUCTION FACILITIES WITH A COMBINED OUTPUT OF ABOUT 56 MILLION TONS OF FERTILIZER, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE CLAIMED 90 MILLION TONS PRODUCTION. THE VERY LOW OUTPUT OF THE NEW TRIPLE SUPERPHOSPHATE PLANT AT BALAKOVO (ONLY 32 THOUSAND TONS OF 12 PERCENT OF WHAT SEEMS A LIMITED PLAN GOAL OF 265,000 TONS IN VIEW OF EARLIER REPORTS THAT PLANT WOULD HAVE TOTAL CAPACITY OF 3 MILLION TONS) POINT UP MAJOR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AT THIS PLANT. CRITICISM OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY OFFICIALS LINKED WITH CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON 1980 PRODUCTION GOAL IN RANGE OF 150 MILLION TONS FIGURE MENTIONED BY BREZHNEV COULD FOREBODE CHANGES IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP, AS WELL AS CONTINUED HEAVY INVESTMENT IN THIS INDUSTRY. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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